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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS AND MEDIA REACTION:

PREMIER CHIANG ON TAIWAN'S DEFENSE

-- PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO'S INTERVIEW WITH DR. GOTTFRIED-KARL KINDERMANN, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS INSTITUTE OF MUNICH, PUBLISHED IN DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG JULY 30, FRONTPAGED ALL TAIWAN PAPERS. CHIANG QUOTED EMPHASIZING: (1) DECISIVE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TAIWAN IN NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, (2) ROC DETERMINATION REMAIN STRONG IN MEETING COMMUNIST-ATTACKS AND (3) POSSIBLE MUTUAL ACTIONS AND APPLICATION OF MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND PEACE OF WESTERN PACIFIC AREA IF COMMUNISTS LAUNCH LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE.

-- LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO - 380,000) IN FOLLOW-UP EDITORIAL NOTED U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE SALES WILL CONTINUE AND JOINT U.S.-ROC DEFENSE MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST ANY MAJOR COMMUNIST ATTACK. PAPER NOTED THAT CHIANG FULLY DISPLAYED FUNDAMENTAL ROC UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SELF-SUPPORT FIRST AND THEN SEEKING

OUTSIDE HELP. SINCE ROC STANDS AT PIVOTAL POSITION VITAL
TO SECURITY OF FREE WORLD, ASSISTANCE WILL COME FROM ALLIES
AND ROC SECURITY CAN BE MAINTAINED.

-- UNITED DAILY NEWS IN ANOTHER EDITORIAL ALSO SAW SHIFTS
IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS PRC EVIDENCED BY: (1) CALL FOR
REASSESSMENT OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE BY U.S. CONGRESSMEN,
(2) JIMMY CARTER'S DISREGARD OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IN TIME
MAGAZINE INTERVIEW AND (3) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CALLING
ATTENTION TO SINO-AMERICAN MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. PAPER
CLAIMED THAT SINCE COMMUNIQUE SIGNED WHEN THERE WERE NO
FORMAL U.S.-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IT THEREFORE HAS NO
LEGAL FORCE AND NO U.S. PRESIDENT SHOULD ABIDE BY SUCH A
"SHAMEFUL DOCUMENT."

-- GROC AND RELATED AGENCIES (I.E. PACIFIC CULTURAL
FOUNDATION) CONTINUE INVITE WIDE RANGE AMERICAN LEADER-
SHIP STRATA, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON POLITICAL AND
ACADEMIC AUDIENCES. MOST RECENT GROUP INCLUDED DR. JOHN
OSWALD, PRESIDENT, PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY; DR. FRANK L.
HERFORD, JR., PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY; DR. MARVIN
WACHMAN, PRESIDENT, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, AND DR. FRED BENSON,
DEAN, COLLEGE ENGINEERING, TEXAS A&M. SOME ACADEMIC GROUP
MEMBERS, INCLUDING WIVES, VISITED PRC WITHIN PAST SEVERAL
YEARS, AND EMPHASIS SEEMS TO BE ON OFFERING THEM IN-PERSON
CONTRAST BETWEEN TWO SOCIETIES (E.G. IF TRAVELERS VISITED
PRC UNIVERSITIES, THEIR TAIWAN ITINERARY INCLUDES HIGHER
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS HERE).

-- CHINA TELEVISION (CTV) CARRIED SCENES PEKING RESIDENTS
CAMPING IN STREETS, SHOTS EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE IN AUGUST 6
NEWS LATE EVENING SHOW. PIX ALSO CARRIED BY NEWSPAPERS,
ALONG WITH EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE AND INEVITABLE COMMENTARY
LINKING SERIES NATURAL DISASTERS CHINA MAINLAND TO IMENDING
DOWNFALL COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT. NEWS BACKGROUNDER COVERAGE
ALSO INCLUDES "INTELLIGENCE REPORTS" RELEASED BY GROC
SOURCES GIVING DETAILS SUPPOSED CASUALTIES, DAMAGE.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

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-- WITH POST ENCOURAGEMENT, HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL ECONOMIC
DAILY NEWS (CIRCULATION 90,000) CARRIED TRANSLATION FULL
TEXT OF REMARKS MADE BY AMERICAN SPECIALISTS MELVIN
KRANZBERG AND ROBERT SOLO IN SEMINAR "TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY"
HELD UNDER USIS-EDN COSPONSORSHIP JULY 15. EDN, WHICH
BLANKETS TAIWAN'S BUSINESS/FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, RAN
TRANSLATION OF SEMINAR PROCEEDINGS AS SIX-PART SERIAL IN
JULY 26-31 ISSUES. SERIES EVIDENTLY QUITE POPULAR; ONE

TRANSLATOR TOLD USIS MANY EDN READERS CALLED TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL COPIES OF SERIES OR TO COMMENT ON KRANZBERG/SOLO REMARKS. EDN PUBLICATION OF REMARKS GREATLY ENHANCED SEMINAR IMPACT, ORIGINALLY HELD FOR AUDIENCE OF 35 AT EDN CONFERENCE ROOM.

-- AMERICAN SPECIALIST GORDON WOOD GAVE TWO VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF BICENTENNIAL THEMES DURING AUGUST 4-7 TAIPEI VISIT. WOOD LECTURED ON "AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY TRADITION AND THE WORLD" FOR CENTER AUDIENCE OF 85 IN TAIPEI BICENTENNIAL LECTURE SERIES AUGUST 5 AND GENERATED LENGTHY AND INVOLVED DISCUSSION AS HE IDENTIFIED IDEOLOGICAL CHARACTER OF U.S. REVOLUTION AND CONTINUING IMPACT ON AMERICAN SENSE OF WORLD MISSION. ON AUGUST 6 WOOD GAVE SEMINAR PRESENTATION ON "SOCIAL RADICALISM OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION" FOR HIGHLY INTERESTED GROUP OF 25 AMERICAN STUDIES PROFESSORS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS. SESSION PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE, WOOD DEFENDING HIS THESIS REVOLUTION BROUGHT SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AS WELL AS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE WITH SOLID SCHOLARSHIP AND EARNEST ENTHUSIASM. WOOD'S INTERPRETATIONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION HELPED BROADEN LISTENERS' VIEWS HERE AND HE INTERACTED EQUALY WELL WITH LECTURE AND SEMINAR AUDIENCE AS WELL AS IN LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS AT SEVERAL REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS.

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